



STATE OF WASHINGTON

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF ENFORCEMENT)	PDC CASE NO: 06-302
ACTION AGAINST)	
)	Notice of Administrative
Whatcom County Democratic)	Charges
Central Committee)	
)	
Respondent.)	
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IT IS ALLEGED as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17 RCW, the Public Disclosure Act; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC. These charges incorporate the Report of Investigation and all of its exhibits by reference.

II. ALLEGATIONS

2. Respondent Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) is a bona fide political party organization registered as a political committee with the Public Disclosure Commission. The WCDCC violated RCW 42.17.080 and .090 during 2005 as follows:

a. By failing to timely file C-3 reports of contributions received. Ninety-one (91) C-3 reports were filed from 18 to 157 days late and totaled \$25,629 in contributions received.



b. By failing to timely file C-4 summary reports of contributions and expenditures. Twelve (12) C-4 reports were filed from 24 to 245 days late and included \$25,629 in contributions and \$29,511 in expenditures.

3. The Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee violated RCW 42.17.080 and .090 during 2004 as follows:

a. By failing to timely file C-3 reports of contributions received. One hundred eight (108) C-3 reports were filed from 1 to 58 days late and totaled \$36,567 in contributions received.

b. By failing to timely file C-4 summary reports of contributions and expenditures. Ten (10) C-4 reports were filed from 2 to 65 days late and included \$55,253 in contributions and \$41,352 in expenditures.

IV. FACTS SUPPORTING ALLEGATIONS

4. Respondent Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee is a bona fide political party organization and is the official democratic county central committee in Whatcom County. The WCDCC is registered with, and reports its financial activities to, the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission.

2005 Late Reporting of C-3 and C-4 Reports

5. Following is a summary of the 2005 C-3 reports that were filed late by the WCDCC. All C-3 reports were filed late for calendar year 2005. Ninety-one (91) C-3 reports were filed from 18 to 157 days late. The late reporting included \$25,629 in contributions.

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Month 2005	No. Reports	Days Late	Amount
January	9	95-138	\$ 2,130
February	6	110	\$ 810
March	9	78	\$ 1,066
April	9	49	\$ 830
May	5	18	\$ 462
June	8	21	\$ 2,617
July	3	150-157	\$ 80
August	8	134-148	\$ 1,459
September	10	104-124	\$ 4,685
October	10	80-101	\$ 7,205
November	5	63-77	\$ 382
December	9	21-24	\$ 3,903
Total	91	18-157	\$ 25,629

6. In addition, the WCDCC filed all of its C-4 reports late in 2005.

Following is a summary of the late filed reports. The reports were filed 24 to 245 days late and included \$25,629 in contributions and \$29,511 in expenditures. The late reported expenditures included \$7,789 in expenses that featured candidates and ballot measures as part of its get-out-the-vote (GOTV) campaign. Direct expense for a local ballot measure totaled \$606.

Month 2005	Due Date	Date Filed	Days Late	Contributions	Expenses
January	2-10-05	5-16-05	95	\$ 2,130	\$ 1,968
February	3-10-05	5-16-05	67	\$ 810	\$ 1,860
March	4-11-05	5-16-05	35	\$ 1,066	\$ 2,232
April	5-10-05	1-10-06	245	\$ 830	\$ 2,694
May	6-10-05	1-10-06	214	\$ 462	\$ 745
June	7-11-05	1-11-06	183	\$ 2,617	\$ 1,414
July	8-10-05	1-11-06	154	\$ 80	\$ 309
August	9-12-05	1-11-06	120	\$ 1,459	\$ 1,376
September	10-10-05	1-18-06	100	\$ 4,685	\$ 1,956
October*	11-10-05	1-23-06	74	\$ 7,205	\$ 7,885
November	12-10-05	1-23-06	42	\$ 382	\$ 3,351
December	1-10-06	2-3-06	24	\$ 3,903	\$ 3,721
Total			24-245	\$ 25,629	\$ 29,511

* No 21-day or 7-day pre-general reports were filed as required.

2004 Late Reporting of C-3 and C-4 Reports

7. Following is a summary of the 2004 C-3 reports that were filed late by the WCDCC. The late reports totaled \$36,567 and were filed between 1 and 58 days late on one hundred eight (108) C-3 reports.

Month 2004	No. Reports	Days Late	Amount
January	7	47-50	\$2,648
February	15	31-37	\$10,392
March	9	24	\$1,762
April	32	7-46	\$10,147
July	3	7-10	\$185
August	19	1-9	\$2,722
September	7	2-9	\$2,997
October	8	1-15	\$3,929
November	3	31	\$89
December	5	59	\$1,696
Total	108	1-58	\$36,567

8. Of the late filed C-3 reports, 55 reports totaling \$15,373 were filed from 1 to 15 days late, 29 reports totaling \$16,111 were filed from 23 to 45 days late, and 24 reports totaling \$5,083 were filed from 45 to 58 days late.

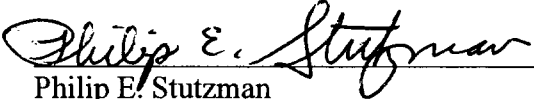
9. In addition, the WCDCC filed ten (10) of thirteen (13) C-4 reports late in 2004. Following is a summary of the late filed reports. The reports were filed 2 to 65 days late and included \$55,253 in contributions and \$41,352 in expenditures. The late reported expenditures included \$13,128 in expenses that supported state or local campaigns.

Month 2004	Due Date	Date Filed	Days Late	Contributions	Expenses
January	2-10-04	4-1-04	51	\$ 2,650	\$ 2,313
February	3-10-04	5-6-04	57	\$ 6,592	\$ 3,620
March	4-12-04	5-7-04	25	\$ 1,806	\$ 1,851
April	5-10-04	6-29-04	50-51	\$ 11,199	\$ 8,999
May	6-10-04	7-1-04	21	\$ 4,189	\$ 4,433
Pre-Primary	8-24-04	9-14-04	21	\$ 8,491	\$ 1,675
Pre -Primary	9-7-04	9-17-04	10	\$ 4,475	\$ 1,235
Pre-General	10-12-04	10-14-04	2	\$ 10,089	\$ 6,361
Post-Election	12-10-04	12-16-04	6	\$ 3,930	\$ 4,421
December	1-10-05	3-15-05	65	\$ 1,832	\$ 6,443
Total			2-65	\$ 55,253	\$ 41,352

III. RELEVANT LAW

4. RCW 42.17.080 and .090 require candidates to file timely, accurate reports of contributions and expenditures. In addition, detailed reports of contributions received must be filed for each bank deposit.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13th day of March, 2006.


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